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5 **Applicant:** Alok Srivastava **Confirmation No.:** 6477

Application No: 10/798,545 **Group Art Unit:** 2161

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Title: *Method and apparatus for integrating data from external sources into a database system*

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

20 Examiner mailed a first Office action on 9/11/2006 in the above application in which he
 objected to the *Abstract* as having more than 150 words and rejected all of the claims. Claims
 1,3,5,7,9,11,13, 15,17,19,21,23,25, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being
 anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,995,961, Levy, et al., *Information manifold for query processing*,
 filed 11/7/96 and issued 11/30/99 (henceforth "Levy"); claims
25 2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
 obvious over the combination of Levy and Official Notice. Applicant is amending his *Abstract*
 so that it is no more than 150 words long and is traversing the rejections of the claims.
 Applicant is also noting an error in the spelling of the inventor's name.

30 **Please replace the present Abstract with the following Abstract**